

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday September 28, 2021, at 4:00 PM in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Council President Jamie L. Bolser, Vice-President James T. Papacek, and Members Bryan Alexander, Leslie G. Fatum, John J. Roberts, Martha J. Lake, and Daryl Maple. Also, in attendance was County Attorney Alan Wilson. Not in attendance was Auditor Jessica Secrease. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jamie L. Bolser and conducted by Council President Jamie L. Bolser.

OPENING OF THE 2022 BUDGET ADOPTION HEARING:

Council President Bolser opened the 2022 Budget Adoption Hearing. Councilwoman Lake made a motion to continue the Budget Adoption Hearing until October 26, 2021, at the regular Howard County Council Meeting. Councilman Papacek seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

President Bolser led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilwoman Lake gave a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the regular meeting held on August 24, 2021, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Councilman Alexander. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Council President Jamie L. Bolser stated that the advertisement for the additional appropriations with the Kokomo Tribune didn't get published timely. Consequently, the additional appropriation are being tabled until the October 26th Council Meeting. Councilwoman Fatum made a motion for the additional appropriations be tabled at this time until the October 26th Council Meeting. Councilman Papacek seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER RESOLUTION NO. 2021-HCCR- 13 – TRANSFERS:

In the absence of Auditor Jessica Secrease, First Deputy Lynda Ogle from the Auditor's Office read Resolution No. 2021-HCCR-13 – Transfers one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

Transfer From:	Transfer To:	Requested	Approved
<u>1000 COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>			
<u>0089 COVID Relief:</u>			
11800 Overtime	47210 Equipment	35,762.79	35,762.79
50000 Unappropriated	30000 Other Services & Charges	500.00	500.00
50000 Unappropriated	47210 Equipment	44,558.00	44,558.00
<u>8905 CARES Safety Awareness:</u>			
50000 Unappropriated	32200 Advertisements/Publications	3,234.40	3,234.00
<u>9600 Howard Haven:</u>			
11416 Housekeeper/Cook	11700 Part-Time	14,000.00	14,000.00
11416 Housekeeper/Cook	11800 Overtime	3,500.00	3,500.00

County General Fund 1000, COVID Relief Location 0089 – Commissioner President Paul Wyman:

In the absence of Commissioner Wyman, First Deputy Lynda Ogle from the Auditor's Office read the requested transfer of funds for fund 1000, location 0089. The request is for \$35,762.79 to be transferred from account 11800 to account 47210, for \$500.00 to be transferred from account 50000 to account 30000, and for \$44,558.00 to be transferred from account 50000 to account 47210. These transfers will cover the cost of the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Room, the cost of the purchase and installation of the exhaust fan for Work Release, the cost of the modification of a hand rail at the Coroner's Office, and the cost of the temporary ramp at the Government Center. These projects and equipment have already have been approved.

County General Fund 1000, CARES Safety Awareness Location 8905 – Commissioner President Paul Wyman:

In the absence of Commissioner Wyman, First Deputy Lynda Ogle from the Auditor's Office read the requested transfer of funds for fund 1000, location 8905. The request is for \$3,234.40 to be transferred from account 50000 to account 32200. This transfer will cover the cost of advertisements and publications related to safety awareness regarding COVID.

County General Fund 1000, Howard Haven Location 9600 – Howard Haven Director Jennifer Brower:

Director Jennifer Brower requested a transfer of funds for fund 1000, location 9600. She requested \$14,000.00 to be transferred from account 11416 to account 11700 and for \$3,500.00 to be transferred from account 11416 to account 11800. This transfer will cover the cost of hiring a full-time employee that was hired in July of this year.

Councilwoman Lake made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-HCCR-13 – Transfers as read. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE. NO. 2021-HCCO-37 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE:

In the absence of Auditor Jessica Secrease, First Deputy Lynda Ogle from the Auditor's Office read Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-37 – Amending Salary Ordinance one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

Salary Amendments		Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>		
<u>9600</u>	<u>Howard Haven:</u>		
11416	Housekeeper/ Cook	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)
11700	Part-Time	14,000.00	14,000.00
11416	Housekeeper/ Cook	(3,500.00)	(3,500.00)
11800	Overtime	3,500.00	3,500.00

In the absence of Auditor Jessica Secrease, First Deputy Lynda Ogle from the Auditor's Office stated that the salary amendment items as listed were previously covered under the transfers, which the Council had previously approved. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-37 – Amending Salary Ordinance as read; Councilman Maple seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Howard County Assessor Mindy Heady requested approval to hire a Transitional First Deputy due to having an employee that will be retiring in 2022. Ms. Heady stated that the PAC Committee unanimously recommended to hire this Transitional First Deputy under the 2021 budget and under the 2022 budget. Councilwoman Fatum made a motion to approve the hiring of the Transitional First Deputy. Councilman Papacek seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m. on a motion made by Councilwoman Fatum.
Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

JAMIE BOLSER, PRESIDENT

JAMES T. PAPACEK, VICE - PRESIDENT

BRYAN ALEXANDER, COUNCILMAN

LESLIE G. FATUM, COUNCILWOMAN

JOHN J. ROBERTS, COUNCILMAN

MARTHA J. LAKE, COUNCILWOMAN

DARYL MAPLE, COUNCILMAN

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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